

January 6, 2009

Christine Gallagher, Esq.  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5575

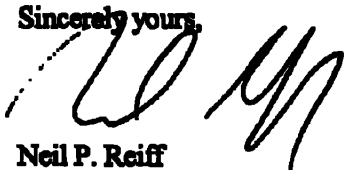
Dear Ms. Gallagher:

Our firms represent the Alaska Democratic Party and Rolando Rivas, in his official capacity as Treasurer, and Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate Committee, and Leslie D. Ridle, in her official capacity as Treasurer, in the above referenced MUR.

By this letter, we request a twenty (20) day extension until January 27, 2009 to file a reply brief to the General Counsel's recommendation that the Commission find probable cause to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act has occurred in this matter. This extra time is needed to research the complicated and significant legal and factual issues raised in the General Counsel's brief.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
Neil P. Reiff  
Attorney for Respondents Alaska Democratic  
Party, and Rolando Rivas, in his official  
capacity as Treasurer

Marc Elias  
Attorney for Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate  
Committee, and Leslie D. Ridle, in her  
official capacity as Treasurer

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